HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT[605]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to flood project fund expenditures and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management hereby proposes to amend Chapter 14, "Flood Mitigation Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 418.7.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 418.13.

Purpose and Summary

This Notice of Intended Action proposes to implement 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter 1124, by amending Chapter 14. The proposed amendment adds reimbursement of the governmental entity for costs of the approved project incurred after the project's approval to the list of authorized expenditures for the governmental entity's flood project fund.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 19, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

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Windsor Heights, Iowa 50265
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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b," an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend subrule 14.8(1) as follows:

14.8(1) Each governmental entity that has a project approved by the board and is awarded funds from either the flood mitigation fund or sales tax increment fund shall create a separate flood project fund. The fund shall be used to pay the costs associated with the governmental entity's approved project, to reimburse the governmental entity for the costs of the approved project incurred after the project's approval, and to pay the principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 418.14.